

**Amendment to the Claims:**

Claims 1-6 (cancelled).

7. (original): Within a laser ablation system, a method to reduce debris deposition at one or more points on a window, comprising:

generating a laser beam; and

emitting said laser beam through an aperture at a particular one of said one or more points on said window.

8. (original): The method of claim 7 wherein a diameter of said aperture is greater than or equal to a diameter of said laser beam.

9. (original): The method of claim 7 wherein a diameter of said aperture is less than a diameter of said laser beam.

Claims 10-20 (cancelled).

Please add new claims 21-26 as follows:

21. A method to produce a nozzle assembly of a laser ablation system, comprising:  
inserting an aperture in a window;  
depositing said window on a top end of a nozzle,  
wherein a laser beam is emitted through said aperture of said window.

22. The method of claim 21 wherein a diameter of said aperture is greater than or equal to a diameter of said laser beam.

23. The method of claim 21 wherein a diameter of said aperture is less than a diameter of said laser beam.

24. The method of claim 21 wherein said window is transparent.

25. The method of claim 21 wherein said window is opaque.
26. The method of claim 21 wherein a shape of said aperture is any one of a circle, a square, or a rectangle.